

Local Intelligence.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1872.

MANCHESTER.

—Mr. John Cheney of Dorset presided at the new organ last Sabbath. "John" has a great deal of talent in that direction.

—Several bargains may be secured in Mink furs, ready-made clothing, etc., at Bradley & Blackmer's depot store. They will close out their stock very cheap.

—The mail train north was late two or three days last week, owing to accidents on the Troy & Boston road. Though there were two or three narrow escapes from serious smash up's no one was injured by these accidents.

—There will be no public service with sermon in the Congregational church on Fast Day (Friday); but a prayer meeting will be held at half-past one in the afternoon.

—The meeting for the permanent organization of the Manchester Lecture Association last Friday evening was adjourned to meet at the Court house on Friday evening of this week, at 7 1/2 o'clock. All those who feel any interest in the matter are requested to be present.

—A meeting of the Executive Board of the Vermont and New York Milk Producers' Association will be held at Factory Point, on Thursday, April 4th, at 1 o'clock p. m., at Adams' Hall. All members of the Board are requested to be present.

C. C. PHRICE, Secretary.

—What is supposed to be the last sledge ride of the season occurred on Tuesday evening last. A large double sled was comfortably filled with the ladies and misses of Manchester, who are determined to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer; and after a delightful and lively ride the party reached the hotel at East Dorset, where mine host Barrows had a fine supper ready, good and hot for us. And here let us say, if you want to find everything right and ready at short notice Barrows' Hotel is the place to go every time. After passing two very pleasant hours, the party returned to Manchester, all voting the trip one of the best of the season.

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—Mad in our streets is now reaching the "lions." We can't use the snow as a subject for an item but a few weeks longer.

—Another minstrel troupe will be along this way soon. The house will be crowded, for everybody is "hankerin' for nigger fun."

—A large street lamp has been placed in front of the Stark House. This was the work of Col. Cady, the very popular bandit.

—It is being intimated by some of our citizens that the observatory on Mt. Anthony will be rebuilt the coming season. Some people feel deeply interested in the enterprise, while some do not.

—Rev. John E. Bowell preached his farewell sermon at the Methodist church on Sunday of last week. It was seriously regretted by many of the members and others to have him leave.

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—If the statement in the *Troy Press* and some other papers is true, saying that 500 persons have moved from this town since January 1st, we don't know it. Perhaps they know more about it than we do. It is strange that the publishers of some papers will meddle with that they don't understand.

—S. M. Bowles has recently written another "serial" for the Montpelier *Argus & Patriot*, entitled: "The Peabody Family; or, Randolph Hemans Fate and Revenge." Mr. Bowles informs us that the different characters represented in his thrilling story, were well known by some of the old time residents, of this town.

—The firm of Sheldon & Denison—lumber dealers—is dissolved. The business firm is now Sheldon & Hull. They have just completed a large building for storing lumber.

—We have it from very good authority that our delegation in Congress have decided to recommend T. J. Tiffany, Esq., for the post-office, made vacant by the removal of Mr. Cook. We are sorry that one of the editorial fraternity does not receive the appointment, but no fault can be found with Mr. Tiffany.

—There seems to be a "hitch" in the Glensbury Railroad project, the selectmen hesitating about allowing the road to run through the corporate limits of the village, to connect with the Harlem Extension near the depot, although the proprietors of the road propose to use only fifteen feet in width of County street, which is used very little. There is no other good chance to connect without going out to the gravel bed towards North Bennington, and the projectors of the road will hardly agree to that.

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—At the first regular meeting of the board of trustees, A. C. Eddy was appointed village clerk, Michael Redman street superintendent, E. H. Estabrook fire warden; and Daniel Shaw, Jr., Joseph Hale, Frank Millington, Edward Hayes, Sydney Bower and Charles Bates were appointed village constables for the coming year.

—On Saturday afternoon last, (30) the children of St. Mark's Sunday School presented to Miss Jessie M. Franklin a pair of elegant gold bracelets as a token of esteem and affection, for a teacher who has ever been faithful and kind. The bracelet neatly encased with the names of the contributors was placed upon the organ at the church at which she presides, where the children had assembled to receive their usual musical instruction, and to witness her astonishment upon the discovery of the gift. Reciprocal gratitude was plainly manifest. On the part of the children there was a natural admiration for the teacher who had given up her time to the gratification of the venerable subject who is thus led to bless the sheep and wool mania.

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